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by Bernard H. Browne, Jr.

To: Assistant Commissioner of Patents

We mailed our latest response to the Patent and Trademark office via priority certified mail on December 24, 2001 (see right) in order to meet our January 4, 2002 deadline.

However, we received our verification of delivery with a receive date stamped on it of January 15, 2002.

We assume that this delay was due to added security in government offices and/or holiday off time at the Patent and Trademark office and that we properly met our allotted time to respond.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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